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DEPLOYED DRUG TESTING

Terminal Learning Objective


**Explain the US Army's
procedures for drug testing
Soldiers while they are
deployed.**

Enabling Learning Objectives

- **Select from a list the home station or mobilization station IBTC's responsibilities for supporting deploying and deployed units**
- **Select from a list the responsibilities of deployed unit commanders and BAC Managers**
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Army Regulation 600-85 Army Substance Abuse Program:

**“Commanders will
maintain ASAP elements
while deployed, to the
maximum extent
possible.”**



“As you continue to execute your missions in support of the Global War on Terrorism, I ask you and your leaders to keep up the focus on this program. . . Whether your units are deployed or at home station, continue to emphasize that the use of illicit drugs is inconsistent with Army values and has the potential to significantly reduce our overall readiness posture.”

PETER J. SCHOOMAKER
General, US Army
9 November 2005

Drug Testing in Deployed Areas

The Issue

- Testing rates were low
- Discrepancy rates were high
- ADCOs/IBTCs could not communicate effectively with deployed units
- No established responsibilities or procedures for testing and reporting results in deployed areas

Drug Testing in Deployed Areas

The Issue

- Multitude of collection, shipping, and reporting methods
- Deployed test results mixed with home station results; made analysis difficult
- Deployed commanders lacked visibility of positive rates and issues to be addressed
- Supply problems

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“Soldiers under the influence of drugs are a danger to themselves, their fellow Soldiers, mission accomplishment, and the civilian populace. It is every leader’s responsibility to educate Soldiers, deter drug use and identify drug abusers. This responsibility does not stop during deployments.”

The Army's deployed drug testing program is primarily focused on



TESTING STATISTICS



Deployment Testing Discrepancies FY 2007

BAC	Spec Reported	Fatal Discrepancy	Actual Specimens Tested	Fatal Discrepancy Rate	Specimens with at least 1 Non Fatal Discrepancy	Non-Fatal Discrepancy Rate	Total Discrepancies	Total Discrepancy Rate
CT01	13148	1750	11398	13.31%	2732	23.97%	4482	34.09%
CT02	1039	233	806	22.43%	348	43.18%	581	55.92%
CT03	6105	661	5444	10.83%	675	12.40%	1336	21.88%
CT04	2795	525	2270	18.78%	411	18.11%	936	33.49%
CT05	15837	2684	13153	16.95%	2698	20.51%	5382	33.98%
CT06	23043	1657	21386	7.19%	2252	10.53%	3909	16.96%
CT07	4621	403	4218	8.72%	1257	29.80%	1660	35.92%
CT08	23195	2217	20978	9.56%	2834	13.51%	5051	21.78%
CT09	14194	1734	12460	12.22%	2068	16.60%	3802	26.79%
CT10	551	22	529	3.99%	1	0.19%	23	4.17%
CT11	2417	150	2267	6.21%	58	2.56%	208	8.61%
FY 07	106945	12036	94909	11.25%	15334	16.16%	27370	25.59%

Most Common Discrepancies FY 2007

***FATAL**

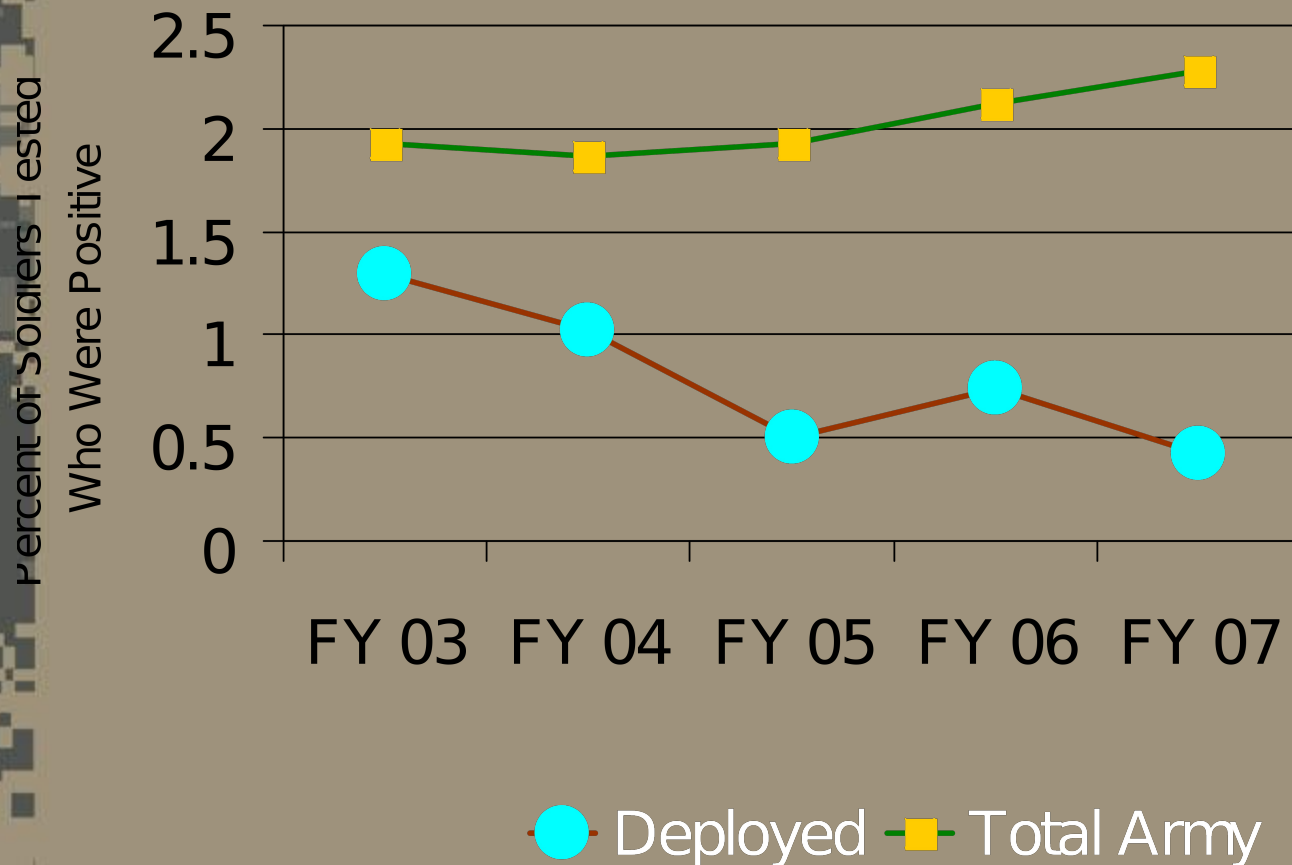
- *FN DD FORM 2624 DOES NOT HAVE CHAIN OF CUSTODY ENTRIES, NOT TESTED**
- *GG DD FORM 2624 LISTED SPECIMEN, NO BOTTLE RECEIVED**
- *BC SPECIMEN LEAKED IN SHIPMENT, QUANTITY NOT SUFFICIENT TO TEST**
- *MB SSN ON LABEL IS MISSING/ILLEGIBLE/INCOMPLETE, NOT TESTED**
- *GQ SERVICE MEMBER'S NAME RECEIVED ON FORM, NOT TESTED**

NON-FATAL

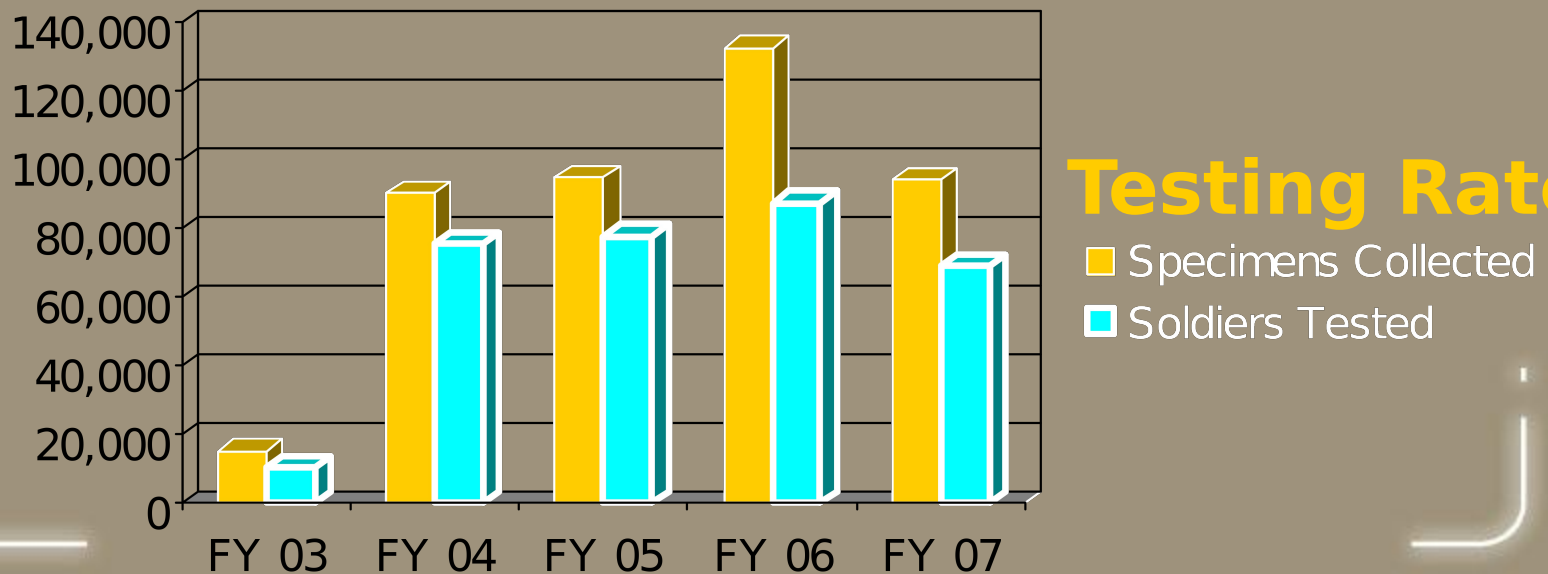
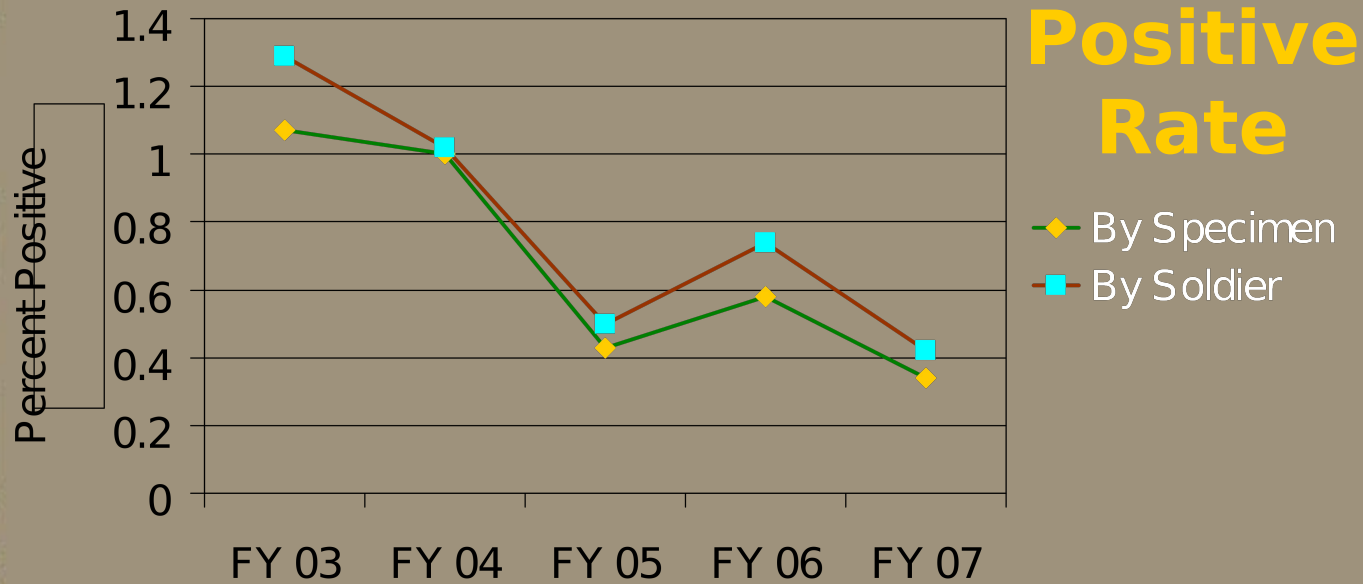
- GF DD FORM 2624 ON TWO PIECES OF PAPER, W/O IDENTIFIER-TAG**
- PD NO SIGNATURE ON PACKAGE, TESTED**
- FC BASE/AREA CODE IS NOT CORRECT**
- MC BASE AREA CODE IS NOT CORRECT, TESTED**
- LE BASE/AREA CODE IS MISSING**

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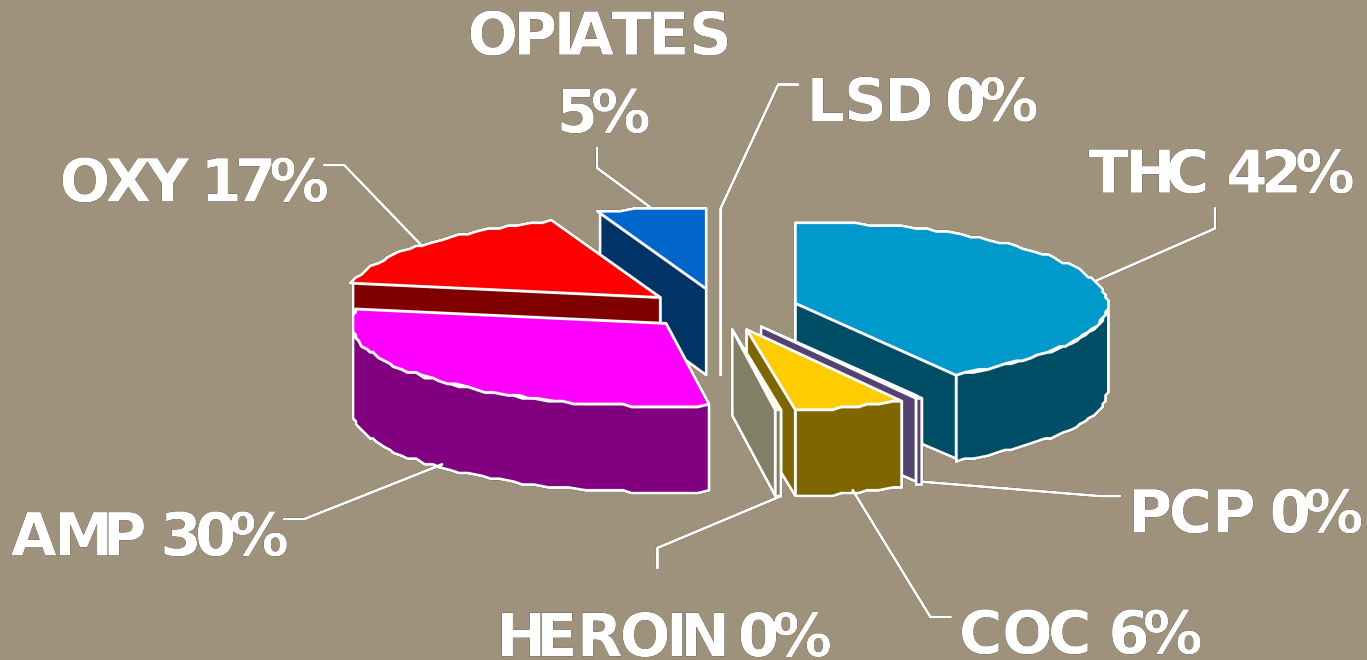
Total Army vs. Deployed



Deployment Testing



Drugs of Abuse in Deployed Areas for FY 06



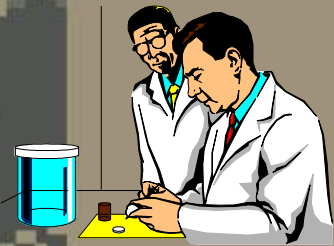
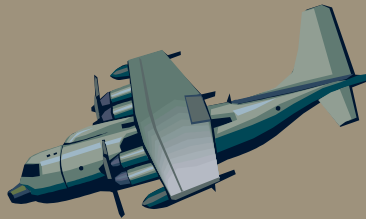
Results are pre-MRO review

The same as nondeployed by Soldiers except opiates, oxymorphone, and oxycodone, whose positive rates are twice as high in theater.

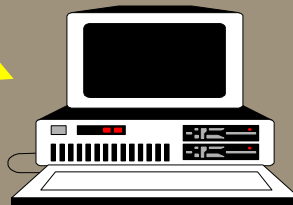
Deployed Drug Testing Procedures



UPL



TRIPLER



BAC MGR



Predeployment

- Companies and larger units will deploy with
 - Trained UPLs
 - Drug testing supplies for 100% of assigned strength
- Smaller Units will
 - Get support from next higher unit

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Statistical Management

Base Area Codes (BAC)

- Afghanistan (CJTF-82): CT01
 - Afghanistan (CSTC-A): CT02
 - Kuwait: CT03
 - Multinational Force – Iraq: CT04
 - Multinational Corps -- Iraq: CT05
 - Multinational Division -- Baghdad (Iraq): CT06
 - Multinational Force West (Iraq): CT07
 - Multinational Division North (Iraq): CT08
 - Sustainment Command (Iraq): CT09
 - Qatar: CT10
 - Multinational Division Central (Iraq): CT11
- **IF AREA IS NOT LISTED ABOVE, USE THE BAC OF THE HOME INSTALLATION OR MOBILIZATION STATION**

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Senior Commanders' Responsibilities

- Deployed commanders who are assigned a BAC will:
 - Appoint a BAC Manager, who will
 - Retrieve test results from iFTDTL and forward to commanders or MRO as appropriate
 - Forward the MRO review to commanders and update DAMIS

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Senior Commanders' Responsibilities (cont.)

- Monitor drug testing rates, trends, specimen discrepancy rates, and MRO delinquency rates
- Ensure units have drug testing supplies
- Provide reports
- Monitor UPL certification and recertification
- Maintain substance abuse files

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Training

- RC units will arrive at their mob stations with trained UPLs
- Installations will train UPLs, if necessary, before deployment
- UPL training will STRESS **proper quality control checks, storage of specimens, packaging, and shipment**
- UPL recertification while deployed via ACSAP website

Supplies & Shipping

- Deployed units order supplies through the supply system and local purchase
- All RC units will arrive at their mob stations with the supplies to test 100% of their assigned strength
- The mob station ASAP will resupply RC units as necessary until they deploy
- All specimens collected in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, and Afghanistan will be mailed directly to the Tripler AMC FTDTL

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Medical Reviews

- Senior MTF Commanders will appoint enough MROs to review presumptive positive results in a timely manner
- No CHCSII in theater

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Challenges So Far

- Knowledge of program
- UPL training
- Discrepancy rates
- BAC Manager appointment and training
- Joint Commands

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Deterrence Through Detection



Everywhere